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# Emerging Standards in Synthetic Biology

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### Overall Aim of the Standardization Effort

# Stage 3 Analysis Analysis Stage 1 Stage 2 Stage 2 Stage 2 Stage 2 Stage 2 Stage 3 Analysis Stage 2 Mathematical models Design Assessment and feedback Stage 4 Part Composition Assessment and feedback Stage 5 Semi-automated Assembly

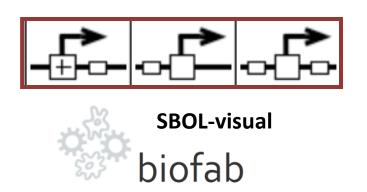
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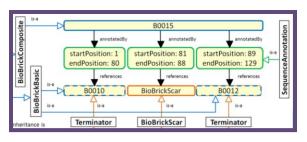
- To allow researches to electronically exchange designs with round-tripping.
- To send designs to bio-fabrication centers for assembly.
- To allow storage of designs in repositories and for publication purposes.

### Synthetic Biology Data Exchange Group

### Synthetic Biology Open Language (SBOL)

http://www.sbolstandard.org/



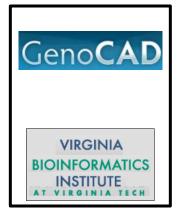


**SBOL-semantic** 

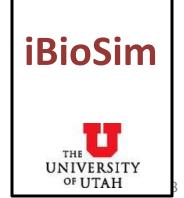




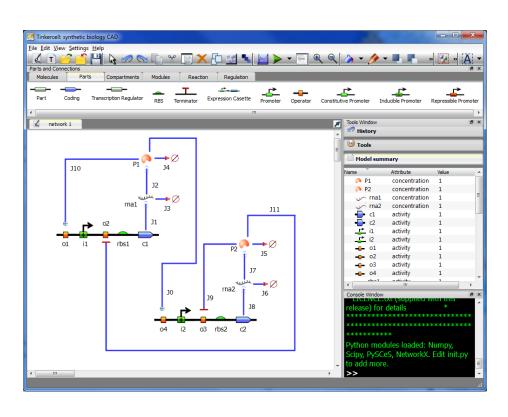


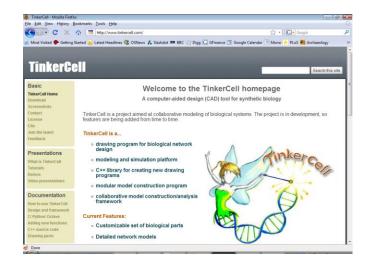




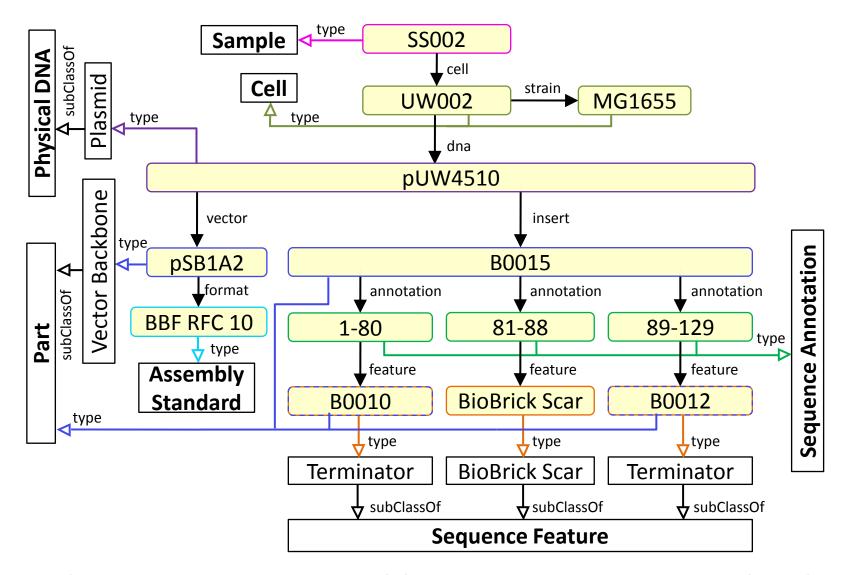


### UW Efforts: A CAD system for Synthetic Biology called TinkerCell





<u>www.tinkercell.com</u> (Windows, Mac and Linux, released under BSD)
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**Figure 1.** Diagram of the SBOL Semantic structure, illustrated with a set of information about a synthetic biology construct. **a.** A simplified *Class* (black rectangles) hierarchy (black open faced arrows) describes types (colored open faced arrows ) of *Individual* data elements (yellow rounded rectangles) and the composition relationships between them (closed faced arrows). The example can be read as: Sample (pink) SS002 contains UW002 cells (dark green) of the MG1655 *E. coli* strain, which contain a plasmid (purple) pUW4510, which is composed of an parts (dark blue) an insert B0015 and vector backbone pSB1A2. The pSB1A2 vector backbone complies with the Assembly Standard (light blue) BBF RFC 10. The B0015 sequence annotations (green) specify three features (orange), the BioBrick Scar, and the parts (blue and orange indicating multiple inheritance), B0010 and B0012, which serve as transcriptional termination signals. **b.** Data type *Properties* used to hold information for each SBOL class follow the colon.

### List of Software in the Working Group

### Clotho (BU,Berkeley), Java

Connects users to repositories of biological parts. Plugin tools then define the various functions that can be performed, mainly related to lab and parts managements.

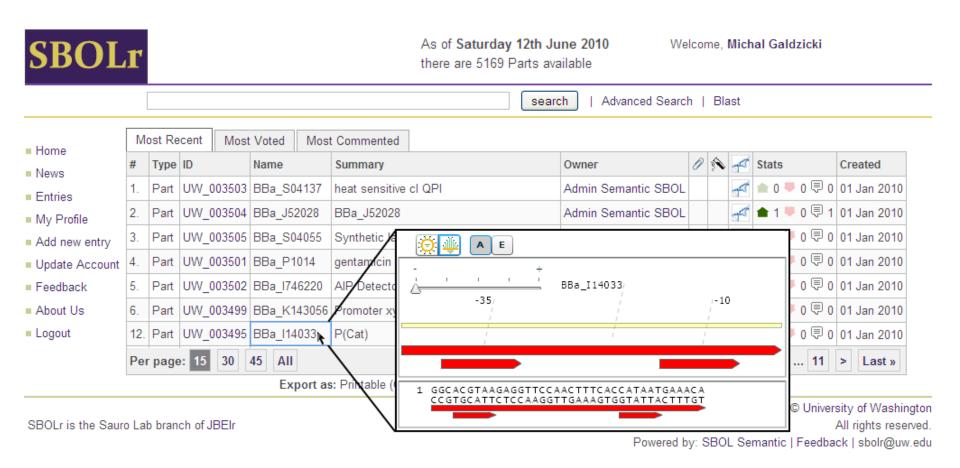
### GenoCAD (VT)

Web based tool for the design of biological devices using an attribute grammar which defines the legal composition of parts.

- **iBioSim (Utah), Java**Advanced simulation and analysis tool for synthetic and systems biology
- JBEI Repository (Java), DOE support infrastructure
- SBOLr (Currently Python but moving to Java)
   Test parts repository, ~5000 parts
- TinkerCell (UW), C++/Qt

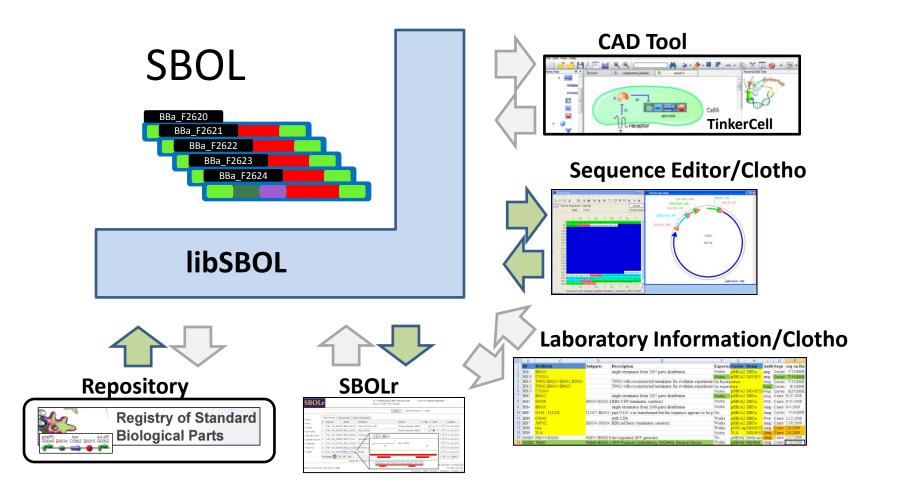
Extensible visual design tool with support for modules, eg simulation, annotation.

### SBOLr is knowledge base of 5169 biological parts, used as a test database for the working group.



http://sbolr.bhi.washington.edu/

# libSBOL: Supports SBOL format for other third-party tools



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